

**- Application Guidelines -**

MSc Integrated Climate System Sciences (MSc ICSS)  
Starting winter term

**Application Period**

February 15 – March 31

**Application requirements**

1. Demonstrated skills in mathematics and physics equivalent to approximately 90 CP (1 CP equals 30 hours of study) and a B.Sc. degree in a subject related to climate system sciences such as meteorology, oceanography, environmental physics, or other Earth System Sciences are required. **Admission of applicants with less than 90 CPs is subject to individual evaluation.**
2. Applicants must provide adequate proof of English proficiency, e.g.:
  - English B.Sc. or M.Sc.
  - TOEFL internet-based test\*: minimum score of 90 (with a minimum sub score of 20 for Listening, Comprehension, Speaking and Writing)
  - IELTS\*: at least band 6.5 (with a minimum sub score of 6.0 for Listening, Comprehension, Speaking and Writing)
  - CEFR\* Level C1

\* Please note that these tests should have been taken no longer than two years prior to enrollment.

3. A complete application, including all documents (listed on page 2) in the indicated order

**Applicants from countries outside the EU: Please check if you have to hand in additional proof of your eligibility such as the APS certificate.**

**Selection criteria**

A combination of the relevance of the B.Sc. degree, the topic of the B.Sc. Thesis, of course grades, English proficiency and quality of the Letter of Motivation will be used for selection. If applicants have work experience or have done any internships in a relevant field, these will also be taken into account.



## Application procedure

- Step 1. Fill out the online application [Online application](#) at Universität Hamburg. Further information to be found [here](#).  
(Please note that you can apply for one program only!)
- Step 2. Mail the signed printout of the online registration form and the additional documents that are needed to the SICSS Office.

## Documents for a complete application

1. Letter of motivation (up to three pages) ([template](#))
2. Curriculum Vitae (up to two pages, photo optional)
3. B.Sc. certificate, or if not available an up-to-date transcript of records of all examinations taken, including your average grade to date (simple copy)
4. If available, B.Sc. thesis in English as pdf via email to [sicss@uni-hamburg.de](mailto:sicss@uni-hamburg.de)
5. Summary of B.Sc. thesis in English
6. A list of mathematical and physical courses incl. credit points and grades ([template](#))
7. Higher education (university) entrance qualification certificate (e.g. Abitur certificate, High School diploma) (simple copy)  
More information here: <https://www.daad.de/deutschland/nach-deutschland/voraussetzungen/en/6017-admission-requirements/>
8. English certificate(s) (simple copy)
9. Signed printout of the [online application form](#) (the online application is only possible during the application period)

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## Questions?

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**Please note: Only complete and correct applications can be considered.**